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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VISIT

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1. PER REFTTEL B, AF/W CONTACTED SWISSAIR NEW YORK.
SWISSAIR STATES THAT UNITED FLIGHT IS BOOKED AND RECONFIRMED FOR JUNE 17. HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN CHICAGO AND LOS ANGELES HAVE BEEN CHANGED AND RECONFIRMED. JUNE 17 DATE NOW FIRM.

2. SWISSAIR NEW YORK HAS NOT REPEAT NOT ARRANGED ANY GROUND TRANSPORTATION. THERE IS NO BUS ARRANGED BY SWISSAIR NEW YORK TO MEET GROUP AT JFK. WE ASSUME THAT GROUP CAN ARRANGE FOR GROUND TRANSPORTATION IN OTHER CITIES ONCE THEY ARRIVE IN NEW YORK.

3. IN LOS ANGELES: CARL SCANLON OF THE FOREIGN TRADE
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ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INFORMED US JUNE 8 THAT FTA WILL NOT HOST ANY EVENT SCHEDULED IN LA. THEREFORE, SSM CORPORATION WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTIRE LA SCHEDULE. SCANLON STATES THAT ON AD HOC BASIS, HE WILL BE WILLING TO ASSIST WHEN GROUP IS IN LA, BUT WORKSHOP/ LUNCH PLANNED FOR JUNE 19 HAS BEEN CANCELED.

4. IN HOUSTON: C.E. BALDWIN OF HOUSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INFORMED AF/W THAT HE HAS GUARANTEED RESERVATIONS FOR GROUP AT DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY INN. SWISSAIR HAS NOT MADE OR GUARANTEED THIS RESERVATION. THEREFORE, GROUP SHOULD PLAN TO GUARANTEE RESERVATION AND PLACE DEPOSIT ON THIS RESERVATION AS SOON AS THEY ARRIVE IN NEW YORK TO RELIEVE MR. BALDWIN OF THIS RESPONSIBILITY.

MR. BALDWIN STATES FURTHER THAT WORKSHOP PLANNED JUNE 22 WILL DEPEND HEAVILY ON NIGERIAN PRESENTATION. CHIEF OKUNBANJO SHOULD BE PREPARED TO SPEAK AT LUNCHEON ABOUT BUSINESS IN NIGERIA AND PRESENT OBJECTIVES OF GROUP. EMBOFF HERNDON SHOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO SPEAK.

5. IN ATLANTA: JIM WILKERSON (NOTE CORRECTED SPELLING OF NAME) OF ATLANTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INFORMS US THAT SCHEDULE REFTTEL C HAS BEEN CHANGED. ATLANTA CHAMBER WILL NOW HOLD MORNING WORKSHOP AND LUNCH ON TUESDAY JUNE 27. INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR MORNING JUNE 26 AND TOUR OF ATLANTA FOR AFTERNOON JUNE 26. MAYOR JACKSON WILL NOT BE IN CITY DURING GROUP'S VISIT.

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